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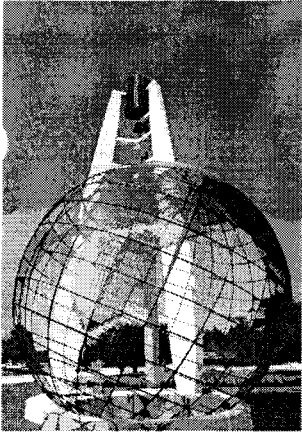
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Geoffrey Chaucer

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## Let Us Begin the Budget Beguine

Governor Blagojevich has put forward his budget proposal for higher education: an 8.2 percent reduction in appropriations and an 8.1 percent reserve of the income fund. In the case of Governors State, that amounts to a total hit of more than \$3 million. Now it's the legislature's turn. The House Appropriations Committee has scheduled hearings. Bruce Friefeld, Chair of the GSU Board of Trustees and President Stuart Fagan will testify before the committee May 5. Beyond appropriations, other issues to be resolved by the legislature include proposals to cap annual tuition increases and adoption of a line item appropriation in place of the current lump sum appropriation.

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## FOC Update and Timeline

It is estimated that the Faculty Office Center will substantially completed by June 16, though Vice President of Planning and Administration John Tuohy stated the dates remain fluid. "Nothing is etched in stone yet," he said. "We have predications now, but those may change at some point." If current predictions hold true, furniture delivery should begin on or near July 14, and faculty will begin moving in sometime around July 21.

"We're going to need moving coordinators from each college," Tuohy said, "to make sure the process runs smoothly." Tuohy indicated that the coordinators should be selected by college deans.

Approximately 4,000 boxes will be purchased for the move.

Faculty will pack their own boxes, but moving services are to be provided. Meanwhile, delivery of telecommunications equipment from Cisco Systems is expected during the second week of May. Once installed, telephone line transfer will begin. ITS will move and install computer equipment, as well as telephones and fax machines. It is expected that this will be completed by ~~the~~ July 21, the target date for the move into the FOC.

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## Block Unwanted E-Mail from Your Mailbox

You may not be a candidate for a weight loss program or a customer for a new car or any of the other products and services raining down on your e-mail inbox. So how do you block e-mail on these topics from arriving in your mailbox? MS Outlook has a feature designed to filter your e-mail according to your specifications. The step-by-step instructions are available in the summer 2002 issue of *Netspeak*, ITS's electronic newsletter, at [www.govst.edu/its/support/publications/netspeak/summer02/spam.html](http://www.govst.edu/its/support/publications/netspeak/summer02/spam.html).

ITS does not filter incoming or outgoing e-mail, as a matter of principle, so we encourage you to use the tools within the software to customize your e-mail service.

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## Student Senate: Supporting the Troops

Student Senate President Linda Williams recently sought permission on behalf of the Senate to tie yellow ribbons around trees on campus in support of the nation's armed forces. Permission was granted, and the ribbons were tied April 28 and can be seen around campus. Student senate representatives will also distribute free yellow ribbons and pins from the Student Senate table in the atrium during Welcome Days, May 5 and 6.

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### **Diane Dates Casey Appointed ALA Chair**

Interim Library Director Diane Dates Casey has been appointed chair of the newly-formed Policy and Planning Committee for the Cataloging and Classification Section of the ALA Association of Library Collections and Technical Services. She was also reappointed to a two-year term as CCS liaison to the ALCTS Planning Committee.

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### **Fleet Week – Scholarship Sails On I**

Provost Paul Keys's book review of *The Boundaryless Organization: Breaking the Chains of Organizational Structure*, by Ron Askenas, Dave Ulrich, Todd Jick, and Steve Kerr, appeared in *The Quarterly Journal of Human Services Management: The Official Journal of the National Network For Social Work Managers*, volume 27, number 1.

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### **Fleet Week – Scholarship Sails On II**

Academic Support Counselor Robin Sweeney will present "Learning Differences," a workshop on working with students with disabilities, at Northwestern on May 7. The workshop, well received previously by GSU's Student Development staff, will be given to the Disabled Student Services Consortium. Primarily, the workshop explodes the myth that students with disabilities have lower IQ's. Indeed, according to Sweeney, many students with learning disabilities have higher IQ's than their peers. The problem then? Learning differences. Students learn in a variety of ways, and proper accommodations and adjustments can take the student with disabilities a long way toward academic success. Sweeney's workshop will also cover issues of communication with students who have disabilities. "People," said Sweeney, "are growing in their awareness about students who have these disabilities. I'm encouraged by the change in perceptions. Faculty now understand these students better and know they can be helped." Sweeney emphasized that Student Development at GSU is staffed and ready to help faculty who wish advice on or to refer student who have learning disabilities.

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### **Fleet Week – Scholarship Sails On III**

Forget what Amazon.com says: Dr. Phyllis Johnson's book *A Quality Assurance Guidebook: Preparing to Measure Outcomes* has been released and is available. The book can be purchased through the Child Welfare League of America's (CWLA) web site at <http://www.cwla.org/pubs/authsearch.asp>. The book can be pre-ordered through Amazon.com as well.

According to CWLA, the book "leads users through the performance of reviews and studies to implement the evaluation component of an organization's quality system." The book serves multiple audiences: experience evaluators, quality assurance beginners, and students.

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### **Fleet Week – Scholarship Sails On: Hawaii and Ho Chi Minh – or Hot Topics in the Tropics**

From the College of Education: Dr. Cyrus Ellis presented "Urban Athletics' Health and Education Curriculum" at the 2003 Hawaii International Conference on Education, held at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel in Honolulu, Hawaii. At the 9<sup>th</sup> International Counseling Conference in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, Drs. Jon Carlson, Elizabeth Ruiz, and Julia Yang presented on "Cultural Influence on Personality Development." Yang also chaired a panel on "Coming Together for a Caring Society: Social Justice in Counseling."

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### **Rumor Hotline**

Heard a rumor? Want to know what's *really* going on? Send an e-mail to [GSUfacts@govst.edu](mailto:GSUfacts@govst.edu), and you'll get an answer within 48 hours. It's a confidential procedure. The program is administered by Public Affairs.